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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 2, 2004 (2 pages); and;
- 2) Preliminary Amendment with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 2, 2004 (9 pages).

Very respectfully,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/708,718 Confirmation No. 2392
Applicant: : Paul R. Hickert
Filed: : March 19, 2004
Art Unit : 3727
Examiner : Unassigned

Docket No. : 1480.01
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For : Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in
Opened Containers

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

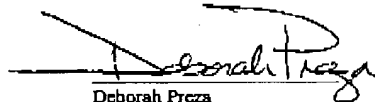
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3727, (703) 872-9302 on April 2, 2004.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

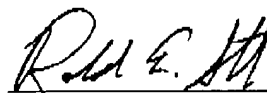
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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